

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 26, line 21 and replace it with the following paragraph:

--[83].**Figure 2** and **2A** are a exemplary representation of a consensus sequence of a splice site in combination with a target sequence (SEQ ID NO: 26) and two primers (SEQ ID NOS: 27-28, respectively, in order of appearance), one mismatching on the target sequence and one matching primer, thereby introducing selective nucleotides in the S3P Primer. **Figure 2A** is an exemplary representation of a consensus sequence of a splice site.--